January 2019

Attendees:

* CAC: Grace Stiller, Cinda Stenger, Judi Carr
* City of Seattle: Shawn Neil (Grants and Contracts)
* LIHI: Richard Horn (Case Manager)
* Camp 2nd Chance: Eric Davis (Resident Manager)
* Community: Marion (neighbor)

Camp update:

* 48 residents (14 women 34 men)
* 4 recently reunited with Family (2 out of state), one asked to leave due to verbal abuse (911 called but he left before they arrived)
* The camp had a great Christmas party thanks to Alki UCC – received numerous donations of warm clothes

Case Management update:

* Have been working on reuniting residents with family since there are so few housing spaces. They are working closely with residents to ensure they are participating in case management services for jobs and placement.
* There was a recent opening that was offered to a couple of clients, and while they were considering if it was a good choice, the space was filled.

City of Seattle update:

* Discussion about permit renewal is happening in mayor’s sub-cabinet – no decisions have been made yet.
* Working with LIHI on options for permanent hygiene trailer

CAC Questions/Updates:

Cinda:

A resident is hoping to complete his GED and would like to get a tutor – is that possible?

* Richard: Yes, there are programs available for that, as well as help with resumes, some scholarships, etc
* Regarding scholarships, one is for nursing but is hard to find someone who qualifies – one requirement is no felonies, which can be a challenge.

There is a resident that is pregnant – how is that being handled?

* The resident is attending pre-natal visits and working on stabilizing mental health so she can find permanent housing

Judi:

The governor is talking about clearing records for pot related convictions – could that help with some of the felony records?

* Richard: Though pot may be legal, there are still many jobs that will not be available.
* There are also challenges with clients not following through on some leads

Grace:

Curious if there are any impacts to LIHI from the federal shutdown (may be a question for Josh who is not here)

General Discussion:

Richard: There were some recent changes to the way HMIS is used – there used to be a “top 40” prioritized list, and now they are moving to an easier process that may help get housing access to the most vulnerable residents at C2C

General Discussion about creating fact sheet for camp – John Walling will work with CAC (Cinda to lead) to compile information – particularly to help inform community about camp as the discussions about the permit renewal are happening

Cinda: On Jan 21 WIN will be hosting a meeting with their members and city representatives to express support for extending the permit for C2C to stay in place – all are invited – it will happen at Fauntleroy UCC 9140 California Ave SW

Marion (neighbor):

* Has been to a couple of CAC meetings, but feels shy about coming – not sure what she has to offer or bring to the meeting, and wonders if other community members feel the same, since there are so few community members in attendance. Wonders how to do more outreach
* Has friends at a salon that would be interested in offering services at camp
  + Richard: Community members just being there can be helpful. Things like a haircut can be extremely helpful to those in need. Small things make all the difference
  + Eric: there are some community members that bring salon services to camp – more are definitely welcome and encouraged
* Are there mentors in the camp to help with residents that are having a hard time doing things like going to job interviews, or those with mental health challenges?
  + Eric: They do sometimes find that there are deeper reasons people are having trouble doing the things they need to do (like mental health challenges) – he works with them to encourage and determine what each of them need to succeed
  + Also, one reason there are not many community members in attendance is because there are less community concerns about the camp, and those that know and support the camp come to the camp itself to visit, donate, volunteer, etc.
  + Judi: There may be low attendance at todays meeting due to the power outage – there are usually a few more community members in attendance.

Next meeting Sunday Feb 3, 2019